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In re application of:

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Amendment and RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Mail Stop RCE

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 7, 2007, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 20070726), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Applicants also file herewith a **Request for Continued Examination**. This Amendment and Reply fulfills the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) for a submission to accompany a Request for Continued Examination.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net

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addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.